

The Falls Village Congregational Church
October 29, 2023 10 a.m.
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Richard W. Reifsnyder, Worship Leader

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude - *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* –

W. Moore, arr. M. Bober

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO PRAISE

Call to Worship

We gather on a day like any other day.

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Come, brothers and sisters in Christ,

Touch and feel and taste and smell the sacred in this day.

For this is the day which our Creator God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Prayer (Unison):

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: Be present among us, that we might draw strength from the faith of those who have gone before us and those who worship with us now; that we might serve you and our neighbors with gladness all the days of our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Opening Hymn: #100 *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been too proud of our own achievements and failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have

told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole. In Jesus Christ, our Savior's name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Responsive Reading Psalm 104:1-13, p. 754

Gloria Patri #35 in hymnal

Passing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also, with you

Let us pass the peace

Scripture: Proverbs 20: 5-11

Jack Wilcox

1st Thessalonians 2:1-8

Rich Reifsnyder

Prayer

Sermon: "The Perils of Pretending"

The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory – *I Wanna Thank You, Lord* - P.F. Simms

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

THE CHURCH DISPERSES TO SERVE

Hymn # 452 *"Here I Am, Lord"*

Benediction

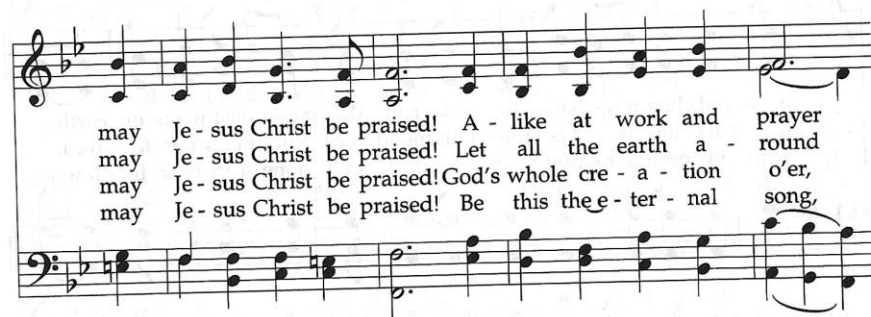
Benediction Response- *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

Your tithes and offerings may be left in the plates at either entrance to the sanctuary.


When Morning Gilds the Skies



1. When morn ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,
 2. Dis - cord - ant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,
 3. Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face;
 4. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine;



may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,



to Je - sus I re - pair; may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 both now and ev - er - more: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

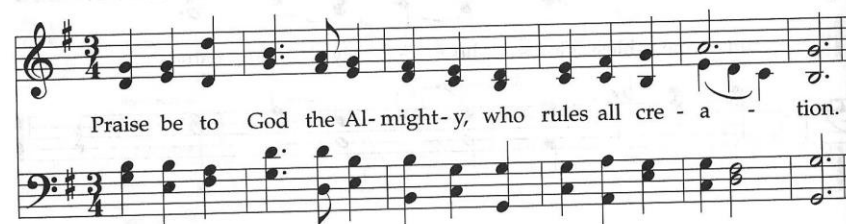
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 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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Psalm 104:1-13

Joachim Neander; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.
 Erneuerten Gesangbuch

RESPONSE



Praise be to God the Al - might - y, who rules all cre - a - tion.

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- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul.
O God, you are very great.
 You are clothed with honor and majesty,
 wrapped in light as with a garment.
- 2 **You stretch out the heavens like a tent,**
 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,
 you make the clouds your chariot,
 you ride on the wings of the wind,
- 3 **you make the winds your messengers,**
 fire and flame your ministers. R
- 5 You set the earth on its foundations,
 so that it shall never be shaken.
- 6 **You cover it with the deep as with a garment;**
the waters stood above the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
- 8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
 to the place that you appointed for them.
- 9 **You set a boundary that they may not pass,**
so that they might not again cover the earth. R
- 10 You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
 they flow between the hills,
- 11 **giving drink to every wild animal;**
the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
 they sing among the branches.
- 13 **From your lofty abode you water the mountains;**
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. R

Scripture Lessons for October 29, 2023

PROVERBS 20:5-11

⁵The purposes in the human mind are like deep water, but the intelligent will draw them out.

⁶Many proclaim themselves loyal, but who can find one worthy of trust?

⁷The righteous walk in integrity—happy are the children who follow them!

⁸A king who sits on the throne of judgment winnows all evil with his eyes.

⁹Who can say, “I have made my heart clean; I am pure from my sin”?

¹⁰Diverse weights and diverse measures are both alike an abomination to the LORD.

¹¹Even children make themselves known by their acts, by whether what they do is pure and right.

1ST THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

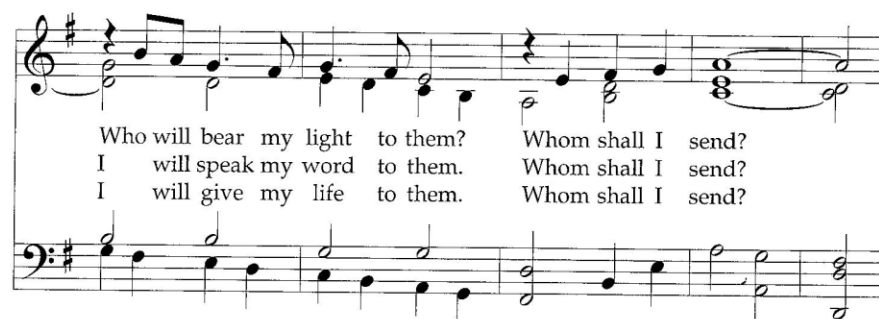
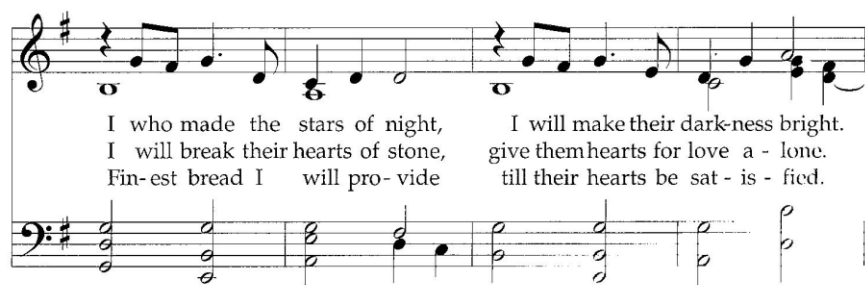
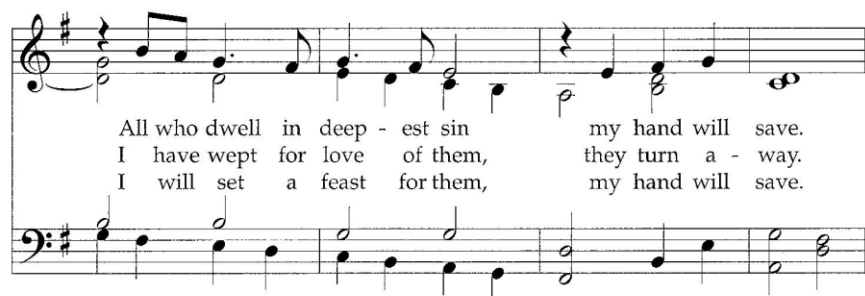
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others,

⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Here I Am, Lord



Unison



Harmony

